

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 92**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hauser**

June 10, 1996

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92—Relative to the Don Clausen Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 92, as introduced, Hauser. Don Clausen Highway.

This measure would designate the Redwood National Park Bypass on State Highway Route 101 the Don Clausen Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, In 1992, the State of California completed  
2 the 12-mile bypass of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park  
3 and the Redwood National Park on State Highway Route  
4 101 in northern Humboldt and southern Del Norte  
5 Counties after 8 years of construction; and

6 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to name this portion of  
7 highway in honor of the person most responsible for its  
8 development; and

9 WHEREAS, Donald H. Clausen served the nation and  
10 the State of California and its northcoast for 20 years as a

1 Representative to the United States Congress for the 1st  
2 District, from 1963 to 1983, and was a national leader in  
3 the development and improvement of transportation  
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, As the senior ranking member of the  
6 House Public Works and Transportation Committee,  
7 Donald H. Clausen authored legislation and enlisted the  
8 support from his congressional colleagues and the  
9 President of the United States for a one hundred five  
10 million dollar (\$105,000,000) federal appropriation to  
11 provide for the construction of the Redwood National  
12 Park Bypass project as a way to enhance travel on State  
13 Highway Route 101 and reduce the conflicts between  
14 through traffic and park users; and

15 WHEREAS, Congressman Clausen served as a member  
16 of the House Interior and Insular Committee, which  
17 oversees the National Parks system; and

18 WHEREAS, Congressman Clausen was instrumental in  
19 the establishment of Redwood National Park Visitor  
20 Center near Orick and the Redwood National Park  
21 Headquarters in Crescent City; and

22 WHEREAS, Don Clausen served his nation as a carrier  
23 pilot in World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; and

24 WHEREAS, Don Clausen served his community as a  
25 member of the Board of Supervisors for Del Norte  
26 County from 1955 to 1962; and

27 WHEREAS, Following his career in Congress, Don  
28 Clausen served as the Director of Special Programs for  
29 the Federal Aviation Administration for seven years; and

30 WHEREAS, Don Clausen has continued to the present  
31 to be actively involved in local, statewide, and national  
32 transportation endeavors, serving on many boards and  
33 councils, including the California Transportation  
34 Foundation Board of Directors, where he has worked on  
35 many programs to honor those responsible for innovative  
36 projects and lifetime achievements in the transportation  
37 field, and in awarding educational scholarships; and

38 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of State  
39 Highway Route 101 be named the “Don Clausen  
40 Highway” in recognition of his unyielding efforts to



1 achieve the construction of this project, and for his  
2 lifetime accomplishments in support of his country, state,  
3 and community; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California,*  
5 *the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Redwood  
6 National Park Bypass on State Highway Route 101 is  
7 hereby officially designated the Don Clausen Highway;  
8 and be it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is  
10 requested to determine the cost of erecting the  
11 appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the  
12 signing requirements for the state highway system,  
13 showing the special designation, and upon receiving  
14 donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to  
15 erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Chief clerk of the Assembly transmit  
17 a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

